

Mrs. Lyons explained that the long months away from his family are accepted as part of her son's job.

Although it can be difficult to be gone for extended periods of time, she said her son is doing what he loves.

"He's happiest when he's on the ocean. There's a certain calm about it that he enjoys while he's on the ship," she explained.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the service to our nation of the crew of the USS *Russell*, including Boatswain Mate 1st Class Stephen Lyons, as well as all the military personnel from Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania, and I send my best wishes to them and their families.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ELECTRONIC MARKETPLACE OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced the Electronic Marketplace Ownership Disclosure Act. This legislation requires operators of Internet sites that match buyers and sellers to disclose whether they have financial relationships with parties involved in transactions that take place on their sites. Some Internet sites portray themselves as disinterested third parties that simply host a site matching buyers and sellers. The Electronic Marketplace Ownership Disclosure Act requires companies hosting such sites to affirmatively disclose corporate relationships they have with companies offering goods or services on their site.

Many consumers now rely on Internet marketplace sites to compare prices and buy goods. They should have the right to know who really owns an Internet exchange purporting to provide a neutral marketplace. The Electronic Marketplace Ownership Disclosure Act will enable consumers to make more informed purchasing decisions. In the long term, the continued growth of Internet commerce depends on the medium's integrity as a marketplace. This legislation will support the Internet's continued growth by increasing public confidence.

There is a tangible need for this legislation. Last year, Money magazine disclosed that QuickenInsurance.com, a site owned by Intuit Corporation, claimed to provide the "best prices from America's top insurance and loan companies." However, according to the article, Quicken does not disclose on their site that they receive a commission from every insurance policy they arrange.

The American people deserve honesty, whether they are shopping online or in person. For too long, some Internet retailers have avoided telling consumers the truth about who they are owned by and who benefits for special arrangements that may do harm to consumers. The Electronic Marketplace Ownership Disclosure Act let American consumers know the whole truth. This bill is good for consumers, it is good for businesses, and it will benefit the Internet.

TRIBUTE TO MR. MITCHELL ROBINSON

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2001

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, on December 10th my good friend Mr. Mitchell Robinson passed away after a lengthy illness. He was someone who made a difference and dreamed the American Dream, and he truly represented what this country is all about. The following is a tribute to my friend.

Mr. Robinson, a Knoxville native for 77 years, founded Modern Supply Company in 1949. He devoted his life to family, business and philanthropy. He was married to Natalie Levison Robinson for 50 years.

Mr. Robinson was a lifelong member of Heska Amuna Synagogue and was a leader as chairman and longtime board member. He also chaired the Knoxville Jewish Federation. He established the Sylvia Robinson Memorial Fund and endowed the A.J. and Sylvia Robinson Chapel at the synagogue in memory of his parents.

Mr. Robinson, who served as president of the Southern Wholesalers Association and a Director of the American Supply Association, pioneered the concept of bath and kitchen showrooms in East Tennessee.

He was also active in the Knoxville business community, where he was a charter member of the Midtown Sertoma Club. He was a loyal supporter of the University of Tennessee, contributing to the Departments of Judaic Studies and Athletics.

A World War II veteran, Mr. Robinson served as a flight controller in the U.S. Air Corps Radar Unit in the Pacific.

His beloved family also includes children Rabbi Rayzel and Dr. Simcha Raphael of Philadelphia, A.J. Robinson and Dr. Nicole Ellerine of Atlanta, and Pace and Karen Robinson of Knoxville; grandchildren Yigdal and Hallet Raphael; Micaela, Ethan and Nathaniel Robinson, and Asher and Eli Robinson; sister and brother-in-law Fay and Bob Gluck of Boynton Beach, Fla.; brother-in-law Gilbert Levison of Knoxville; brother- and sister-in-law Jarvin and Deanne Levison of Atlanta; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mitchell spent most of his 77 years in Knoxville, Tennessee. He was part of a generation that had a significant impact on Knoxville and the surrounding area. He came back from World War II with no money, no business, and a limited education. But he had enduring self-confidence, determination, and a desire for accomplishment that stayed with him his entire life right up to the end.

He was part of that "greatest generation" that we read so much about today, and who Tom Brokaw has made so famous. Men and women who have impacted and enriched all of our lives over the last half of the 20th century.

But as many of you know, and as Sinatra sings, Mitch did it his way . . . whether it was in his business, in his synagogue, or the various other circles he traveled. Everyone was a part of his empire, family, friends, customers, and employees alike. He shared the good and the bad with everyone.

The child of immigrant parents, he created his own style, his own flair in everything he did and everybody he touched.

He had style in his clothes, in his cars, in his hats, in his dancing, in the showrooms at Modern Supply, in the "Pitch from Mitch" stationary, in the incentive trips for his customers that he so tediously planned and enjoyed. He bought things in a big way whether it was a truckload of sinks, shirts for himself, or smoked turkeys for gifts. He was able to charm about anyone he met, particularly the females. He had an appetite for food and people that was enormous.

Mr. Robinson was a leader, perhaps not always knowing where he was going, but knowing he was going somewhere. His devotion to his business was inspiring. His family's contributions to the religious community in time and money are in the record books.

Members of the community called on him when something was needed for those who were less fortunate. He was always there. He was generous to a fault and has set a standard for all of us to follow.

In a Yom Kippur Sermon several years ago, Rabbi Joseph Weinberg, said:

"Always we are commanded to seize the day, to create a life which will be remembered as a blessing. Not how long, but how well did I live? Not how many honors did I obtain, but how honorable was my life. Not how many things did I acquire, but how much was I able to give."

This quote is very fitting for the life of Mitchell Robinson. I would like to offer my deepest sympathy to the Robinson family. Our Nation and our community have suffered a great loss.

HONORING DAVID SAYLES
ENGLISH

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2001

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor David Sayles English of Arlington, Virginia, as he joins the Arlington County Police Department.

Throughout most of his adult life, David English has devoted himself to the safety and protection of others. A 1989 graduate of Yorktown High School in Arlington, Virginia, Mr. English attended Western Maryland College prior to serving in the United States Army. His service in the military, most notably at Fort Greely, Alaska and Fort Detrick, Maryland, gave him a unique insight into helping his fellow man.

Following his honorable discharge from the military, Mr. English put his medical knowledge to work as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) while earning his paramedic's license. Shortly after earning his license, David returned to his hometown to work as a firefighter at Fire Station #8 in Arlington County, Virginia. As it has been his lifelong dream to work in law enforcement, David joined the Arlington County Police Department earlier this year.

Tomorrow morning, December 21, 2001, David Sayles English will graduate from the Arlington County Police Academy, officially becoming a Police Officer in Arlington, Virginia. He joins an illustrious group of men and women throughout our nation of whom I am proud. Let me extend my personal thanks to those who serve in uniform. If the efforts of